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International Trade Statistics in goods (ITS), August 2023

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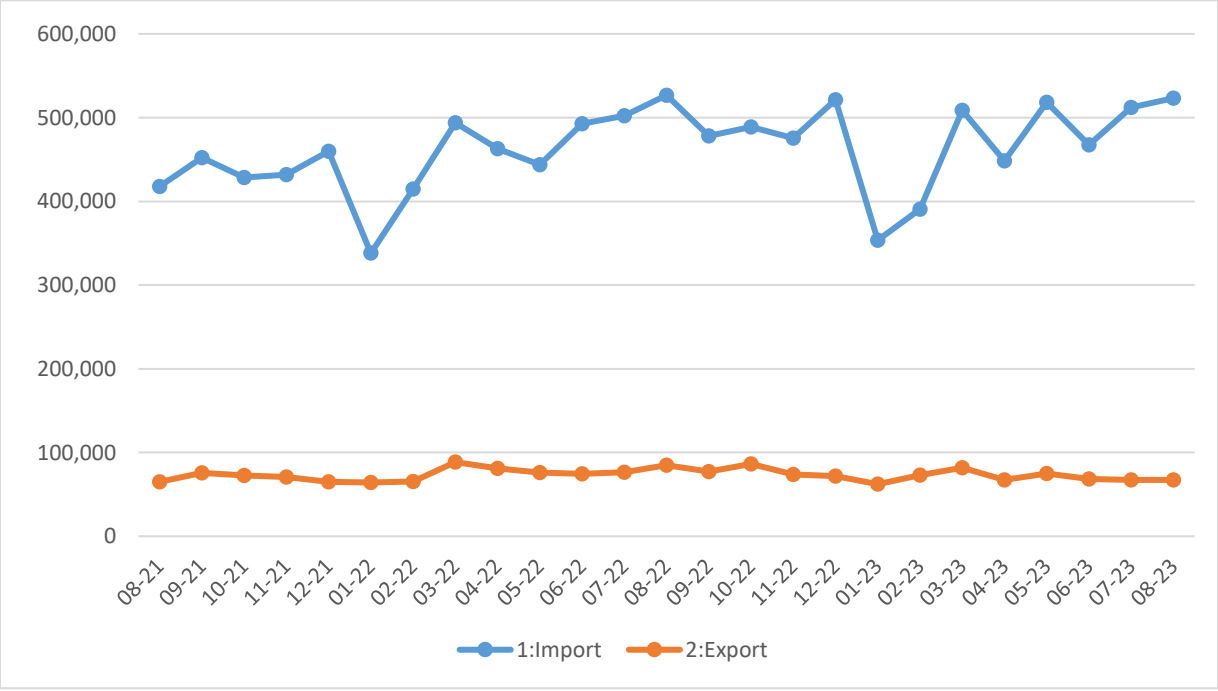
The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) has released the data related to export and import flows for the month of August 2023.

Trade deficit has increases by 3.1% in August 2023 compared to August 2022

Data from the Kosovo International Trade in goods indicate a higher trade deficit of 3.1% in August 2023, in relation to the same period of 2022, namely in the amount of 455.8 million Euros, compared to deficit of 441.9 million Euros in 2022. Export covers import by 12.9%.

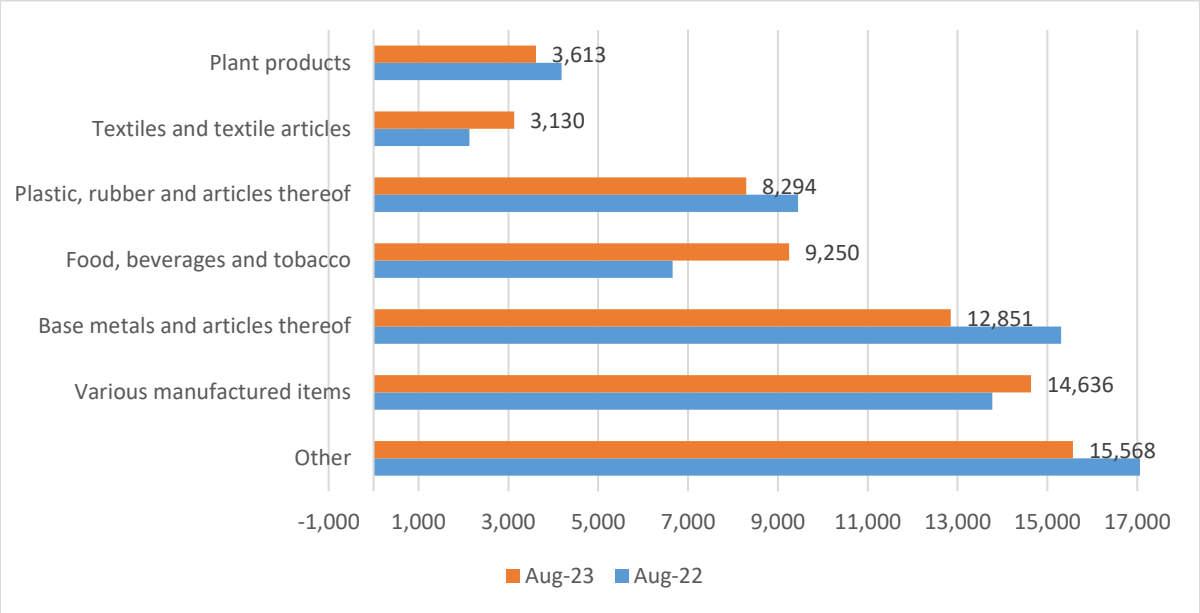
The export of goods in August 2023 was worth 67.3 million Euros, while the import was 523.1 million Euros, which is a decrease by (-20.7%) for export, as well as (-0.7%) for import, compared with the same period of 2022.

Flow of goods in international trade



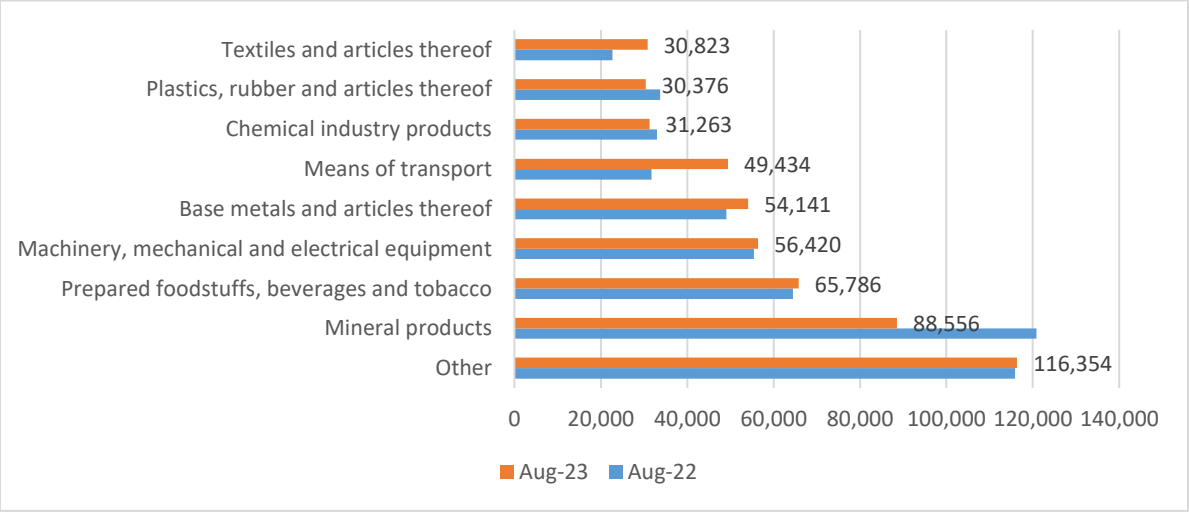
According to the data of the main groups for export: 21.7% are various manufactured items; 19.1% are base metals and articles thereof; 13.7% are prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco; 12.3% consists of plastics, rubber and articles tehreof; 5.4% are plant products, etc.

Exports by sectors of the main groups in value



While, according to the data of the main groups for import: 16.9% are mineral products; 12.6% are prepared foodstuffs, beverages and tobacco; 10.8% are machines, mechanical and electrical equipment; 10.3% are base metals and articles thereof; 9.4% are the means of transport; 6.0% are the products of the chemical industry; 5.9% is made up of textiles and articles thereof, etc.

Imports by sectors of the main groups in value



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Exports and imports by country in value and %

(in thousands of Euros)

Country	August 2022		August 2023	
	Value	%	Value	%
	Exports (FOB)			
Total	**84,891**	**100.0**	**67,342**	**100.0**
27 EU countries	31,000	36.5	20,643	30.7
Cefta	32,281	38.0	26,769	39.8
Others	21,610	25.5	19,930	29.6
	Imports (CIF)			
Total	**526,829**	**100.0**	**523,154**	**100.0**
27 EU countries	213,239	40.5	217,053	41.5
Cefta	100,020	19.0	73,224	14.0
Others	213,570	40.5	232,877	44.5

Kosovo's exports to EU countries reached 20.6 million Euros, or about 30.7% of total exports, with a decrease by (-33.4%). The main partners for the export of goods to the EU were: Germany (12.3%), Italy (3.3%), the Netherlands (3.2%), etc.

Kosovo's imports from EU countries were around 217.0 million Euros, or 41.5% of total imports, with an increase by 1.8%. The main partners foro imports were: Germany (11.8%), Greece (6.0%), Italy (4.4%), etc.

Kosovo's exports with CEFTA countries reached 26.7 million Euros, or 39.8% of total exports, with a decrease by (-17.1%). The main export partners were: Albania (14.3%), North Macedonia (13.4%), Montenegro (5.4%), Serbia (5.2%).

Whereas, imports from CEFTA countries reached 73.2 million Euros, or 14.0% of total imports, with a decrease by (-26.8%). The countries with the highest import share were: Albania (5.5%), North Macedonia (4.5%), Serbia (2.1%).

Kosovo's exports with other countries of the world reached 19.9 million Euros, or 29.6%. The most important partners from these countries for export were: USA (15.9%) and Switzerland (8.5%).

While Kosovo's imports with other countries of the world reached 232.8 million Euros, or 44.5%. The countries with the highest import share in this group were: Turkey (13.0%) and China (12.7%).

For more information about Kosovo International Trade Statistics for the month of August 2023, visit: https://ask.rks-gov.net/Themes/ForeignTrade